Legislation for Devolution of More Powers to Panchayats and Co-operatives

481. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' dated 1st January, 1989 stating that the Prime Minister had announced to effect a comprehensive legislation to amend the Constitution so that there was greater devolution of powers to the grass roots level, particularly to the Panchayats and Co-operatives;

(b) if so, what are the outlines and salient features thereof; and

(c) whether such a move would decentralise power or by-pass the State Governments resulting into more centralisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The subject of revitalisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the country is under active consideration of the Government.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Economic Survey, 1988-89

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Economic Survey, 1988-89. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7231/89].

Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the National Cooperative Tobacco Growers' Federation Limited, Anand and related papers

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Cooperative Tobacco Growers' Federation Limited, Anand, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Federation.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-7410/89 for (i) and (ii)].

Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules, 1988

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 37 of the Apprentices Act, 1961, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour Notification G.S.R. No. 810, dated the 8th October, 1988, publishing the Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules, 1988. [Placed in Library See No. LT-7217/89].

I. **Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Artificial Limbs Manufactur-**

ing Corporation of India, Kanpur and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehra Dun and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta and related papers.

IV. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack and related papers.

V. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secundrabad and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(1) (a) Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (1) (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7329/89 for (1) and (2)].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehra Dun for the year 1987-88, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement *giving reasons* for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7333/89 *for (a) to (c)*].

III. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta, for the year 1987-88, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7332/89 for (a) to (c)].

IV. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack for the year 1987-88 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7330/89 for (a) to (c)].

V. (a) Fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad for the year 1987-88, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (a) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7331/89 for (a) to (c)].

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]

Statements showing the action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the various sessions

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table the following statements (in English and Hindi) showing the action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Sessions shown against each:—

(1) Statement No. XXVII—Hundred and Sixteenth Session, 1980.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7308/89].

(2) Statement No. XXIV—Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session, 1983.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7309/89].

(3) Statement No. XXVI—Hundred and Thirtieth Session, 1984.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7310/89].

(4) Statement No. XVIII—Hundred and Thirty-first Session, 1984.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-7311/89].

(5) Statement No. XXIII—Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session, 1985.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7312/89].

(6) Statement No. XX—Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session, 1985.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7313/89].

(7) Statement No. XIX—Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7314/89].

(8) Statement No. XVIII—Hundred and Thirty-eighth Session, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7315/89].

(9) Statement No. XVII—Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7316/89].

(10) Statemet No. XVI—Hundred and Fortieth Session, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7317/89].

(11) Statement No. XV—Hundred and Forty-first Session, 1987.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7318/89].

(12) Statement No. XIII—Hundred and Forty-second Session, 1987.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7319/89].

(13) Statement No. XII—Hundred and Forty-third Session, 1987.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7320/89].

(14) Statement No. X—Hundred and Forty-fourth Session, 1987.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7321/89].

(15) Statement No. VIII—Hundred and Forty-fifth Session, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7322/89].

(16) Statement No. VI—Hundred and Forty-sixth Session, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7323/89].

(17) Statement No. V—Hundred and Forty-seventh Session, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7324/89].